

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims have been presented whether or not an amendment has been made.

1.     **(Currently Amended)**     A wagering system associated with a first wagering facility, the system communicably coupled with a network and comprising:

    a memory operable to store betting odds on a plurality of wagering events hosted by the first wagering facility; and

    a processor coupled to the memory and operable to:

        receive a first bet on a particular event via the network, the particular event comprising at least one of the wagering events hosted by the first wagering facility;

        if a second bet is received within a predetermined period of time after the first bet is received, then recalculate the betting odds on the particular event based upon both of the first bet and the second bet; **and**

        if a second bet is not received within a predetermined period of time after the first bet is received, then recalculate the betting odds on the particular event based upon the first bet;

generate a stop bet command such that a bet transmitted prior to the stop bet command will be accepted even if the bet is received after the stop bet command.

2.     **(Original)**     The system of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined period of time is any length of time from 0 seconds to 15 seconds.

3.     **(Original)**     The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor is further operable to communicate the recalculated betting odds to at least one other wagering facility via the network.

4.     **(Cancelled)**     The system of Claim 1, the processor further operable to generate a stop bet command signifying that no subsequent bets on the particular event will be accepted.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~Claim 4~~Claim 1, the processor further operable to communicate the stop bet command to the network such that the network is operable to deny subsequent bets on the particular event.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~Claim 4~~Claim 1, the processor further operable to communicate the stop bet command to a second wagering facility such that the second wagering facility is operable to deny subsequent bets on the particular event.

7. **(Cancelled)** ~~The system of Claim 4, the processor further operable to:~~  
~~receive a second bet on the particular event via the network; and~~  
~~determine whether the second bet was transmitted before the stop bet command was generated.~~

8. **(Cancelled)** ~~The system of Claim 7, wherein the processor is further operable to accept the second bet in response to the second bet being transmitted prior to the stop bet command being generated.~~

9. **(Original)** The system of ~~Claim 7~~Claim 1, wherein the processor is further operable to deny the second bet in response to the second bet not being transmitted prior to the stop bet command being generated.

10. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, the processor further operable to:  
identify results of the particular event; and  
communicate the results to a second wagering facility.

11. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, the processor further operable to:  
identify results of the particular event; and  
communicate the results to a clearinghouse.

12. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, the processor further operable to:  
determine if the first bet is encrypted; and  
decrypt the first bet in response to the first bet being encrypted.

13. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, wherein the first bet is received from a second wagering facility and the processor is further operable to receive a second bet from the second wagering facility separately from the first bet.

14. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, wherein the wagering event comprises a pari-mutuel wagering event.

15. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, wherein the wagering event comprises at least one of:

- a horse race;
- a dog race; and
- a jai alai game.

16. **(Original)** The system of Claim 1, wherein the processor recalculates the betting odds substantially in real-time.

17. **(Original)** A method for conducting wagering, comprising:  
storing betting odds on a plurality of wagering events hosted by a first wagering facility;  
receiving a first bet on a particular event via a network, the particular event comprising at least one of the wagering events hosted by the first wagering facility;  
if a second bet is received within a predetermined period of time after the first bet is received, then recalculating the betting odds on the particular event based upon both of the first bet and the second bet;  
if a second bet is not received within a predetermined period of time after the first bet is received, then recalculating the betting odds on the particular event based upon the first bet; and  
**generating a stop bet command such that a bet transmitted prior to the stop bet command will be accepted even if the bet is received after the stop bet command.**

18. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, wherein the predetermined period of time is any length of time from 0 seconds to 15 seconds.

19. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, further comprising communicating the recalculated betting odds to at least one other wagering facility via the network.

20. **(Cancelled)** ~~The method of Claim 17, further comprising generating a stop bet command signifying that no subsequent bets on the particular event will be accepted.~~

21. **(Currently Amended)** The method of ~~Claim 20~~Claim 17, further comprising communicating the stop bet command to the network such that the network is operable to deny subsequent bets on the particular event.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The method of ~~Claim 20~~Claim 17, further comprising communicating the stop bet command to a second wagering facility such that the second wagering facility is operable to deny subsequent bets on the particular event.

23. (Cancelled) ~~The method of Claim 20, further comprising:~~  
~~receiving a second bet on the particular event from a third wagering facility via the network; and~~  
~~determining whether the second bet was transmitted before the stop bet command was generated.~~

24. (Cancelled) ~~The method of Claim 23, the method further comprising accepting the second bet in response to the second bet being transmitted prior to the stop bet command being generated.~~

25. (Original) The method of ~~Claim 23~~Claim 17, the method further comprising refusing the second bet in response to the second bet not being transmitted prior to the stop bet command being generated.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising:  
identifying results of the particular event; and  
communicating the results to a second wagering facility.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising:  
identifying results of the particular event; and  
communicating the results to a clearinghouse.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising:  
determining if the first bet is encrypted; and  
decrypting the first bet in response to the first bet being encrypted.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein the first bet is received from a second wagering facility and further comprising receiving a second bet from the second wagering facility separately from the first bet.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein the wagering event comprises a pari-mutuel wagering event.

31. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, wherein the wagering event comprises at least one of:

- a horse race;
- a dog race; and
- a jai alai game.

32. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, wherein recalculating the betting odds occurs substantially in real-time.

33. **(Currently Amended)** A method for conducting wagering, comprising:  
receiving at a first wagering facility a plurality of bets on a wagering event that is  
hosted by a second wagering facility, wherein the first wagering facility is coupled to the  
second wagering facility using a network; and

transmitting each of the plurality of bets individually to the second wagering facility  
using the network;

receiving a stop bet command; and

accepting subsequently received bets on the particular event if transmitted prior  
to the stop bet command.

34. **(Original)** The method of Claim 33, wherein each bet is transmitted  
substantially in real-time upon receiving the bet.

35. **(Cancelled)** ~~The method of Claim 33, further comprising:~~

~~receiving a stop bet command signifying that no subsequent bets on the  
particular event will be accepted; and~~  
~~denying subsequently received bets on the particular event in response to the  
stop bet command.~~

36. **(Original)** The method of Claim 33, wherein the wagering event  
comprises a pari-mutuel wagering event.

37. **(Original)** The method of Claim 33, wherein the wagering event  
comprises at least one of:

- a horse race;
- a dog race; and
- a jai alai game.

38. **(Original)** The method of Claim 33, further comprising:  
receiving each of the transmitted bets at the second wagering facility; and  
recalculating betting odds for the particular event based upon at least a portion of the  
transmitted bets.